will not receive the early attention of the Government, and funds will not be provided for the purpose in the next year's budget?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—An enquiry was made. The road has not been opened. The allotment for the work in 1100 was not utilised by the Panchayat. A sum of Rs. 300 is allotted for the work for 1102.

The condition of the road leading from Akkikkavu to Pazhanji.

56. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to state how many culverts there are on the road leading from Akkikkavu to Pazhanji, what is the length of this road, whether adequate steps will be taken in the near future for improving the condition of this road which is found to be in an unsatisfactory condition during and after the monsoon season when there is very heavy traffic through this road on account of the arecanut trade carried on by the people in Pazhanji village?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Number of culverts—3. Length —3 miles. The matter of improving this road is being considered by the Government.

Petition for a road from Kattakampal Road as far as Ramapuram Kadavu.

57. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to mention whether any petition or representation has been received by the Government for constructing a road from Kattakampal (Panchayat) road (extending north) as far as Ramapuram Kadavu, and if so, what action has been taken in the matter, and whether funds will not be provided for this in the budget for the year 1102.?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—No petition or representation seems to have been received.

Particulars regarding the road from Koonamuchi to Alur.

58. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to inform

(a) the length of the road from Koonamuchi to Alur;

(b) the number of culverts on this road;

(c) the amount spent yearly for the maintenance of this road;

(d) whether any amount will be provided in the budget for 1102 for constructing necessary culverts on this road, and

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also for maintaining the road in a satisfactory condition for traffic, and if no amount will be provided, to give the reason?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(a) 3 miles.

(b) 7 culverts and 1 Irish drain.

(c) There is no amount allotted exclusively for the maintenance of this road.

(d) Funds permitting, all necessary works will be attended to.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—The answer given is not an answer to my question.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—The amount has not been allotted exclusively for this road.

The deterioration of the breed of cattle.

59. Dr. A. G. Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(i) whether it is a fact that the breed of cattle in most of the localities has deteriorated ;

(ii) if so, what is the cause of it;

(iii) whether the Government know that want of good bulls in most areas is the reason for the deterioration ;

(iv) if so, will the Government be pleased to station good bulls at convenient centres for service at nominal cost;

(v) with this in view will the Government be pleased to import some bulls from Ongole to some of the breeding centres ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(i) Yes.

(ii) Farming is now mainly in the hands of the poor who cannot afford to find the means to improve their cattle.

(iii) The Government have recognized that want of good bulls is one of the causes for the deterioration.

(iv) The Government have stationed a few stud bulls at the Cocoanut Station and at the Central Farm. They are also giving grants for the maintenance of 6 stud bulls stationed in different places.

(v) The Government do not consider that there is any necessity for doing so. In the Government Farm there is a large number of Ongole and cross-bred bulls and bull calves intended for sale to ryots, who might be willing to purchase them for improving their cattle.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—The Government have stationed a few stud bulls at the Cocoanut Station and at the Central Farm.

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